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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR AWARDS PROGRAM

Women's Commission seeks nominations for outstanding individuals for 30th annual event

The Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission (LLWC) seeks nominations for its International Women's Day annual awards luncheon, "Weaving Women's Voices," to honor four individuals who have promoted opportunities for women through professional and/or personal efforts and made an impact on women's issues.

Nominations will be accepted from **Thursday, September 1** through 4 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 15, 2005**. Nomination forms can be mailed upon request, picked up at the LLWC office between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or download from the Women's Commission Web site located at: www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/women/index.

Categories are:

- < The **Alice Paul Award** is presented to a woman whose life's work reflects her dedication to the struggle for equality.
- < The **Woman Artist - Written Word Award**, accompanied by a \$250 stipend, is presented to a woman in Lincoln and Lancaster County to recognize and encourage local women in the arts.
- < The **Erasmus Correll Award** is presented to a man whose efforts in the community have significantly contributed to the welfare and advancement of women, helping in the struggle for equity for all.
- < The **Sojourner Truth Award** (formerly the Young Feminist Award) will be presented to honor younger women and will rotate among women in three categories: high school ages 14-18; college ages 18-24 and women ages 25-40. For 2006, the award will be given to a collegiate woman who, through actions or by example, attempts to enhance the quality of life for girls or women.

The Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, along with Friends of the Commission, will host the awards luncheon program on Friday, March 10, 2006 at the Cornhusker Hotel in recognition of International Women's Day. The theme, "Weaving Women's Voices," will feature a special presentation of local artists' original pieces of work and pay tribute to outstanding women and men in the community for their work in the advancement of women's rights.

For more information, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, 441-7716.